

Controlled Access Area Established

Under the Emergency Measures and Control Act, the Unified Command in control of policing in Ottawa has established a controlled access area.

The controlled access area is from Bronson Avenue to the Canal, the Queensway to Parliament Hill.

In the interest of safety there will be minimal impact to those that reside in the area. The intention of this is to manage travel into a defined area of Ottawa that has been impacted by an ongoing unlawful protest.

You cannot enter unless you have a lawful reason to be in the area.

You can leave the controlled access area at any time.

The lawful reasons for being within the area are:

- you reside within the designated area
- you work within the designated area
- you have lawful purpose to be in the area (e.g. medical appointment, delivery, etc.)

You can expect to see police checkpoints where you will be asked your reason for travelling within the controlled access area.

You will be required to show proof of residency or proof of the lawful purpose of your travel to the controlled access area.

Once through the checkpoints, those with lawful reason will be free to move about.

Expect traffic delays in and around the Controlled Access Area. Please avoid the downtown core if you have no reason to be there.

“We do not take this decision lightly, we know this will impact the residents. Please bear with us while we work to return the city to a state of normalcy” stated Interim Chief Steve Bell. “We want to reassure everyone that if you live, work or have a reason to be in the area that your access will minimally impacted.”

We want you to be aware that entering the controlled access area when you have no lawful reason to be there, may result in you being arrested and charged.

The controlled access area will be lifted when Ottawa returns to a state of normalcy.